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1. At the meeting of the Committee for Language Development on 12 December, members discussed the interpretation of the Schedule of Awards outlined in [redacted] The cumulative or [redacted] restrictive interpretation of amounts stated in the Schedule was reconsidered and the preference was for a restrictive interpretation which was outlined in the October report of the Committee. The decision, however, was not unanimous; the representative of O/Personnel dissented. His written comments were reviewed in detail.

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The Chairman polled members of the Career Council and at the 10 January meeting reported that all except the DD/P member of the Council had been consulted and that all were in accord with this restrictive interpretation.

The Chairman directed the Registrar of the Office of Training to process Language Development Awards that had been suspended until the Committee agreed on an acceptable interpretation.

PROFICIENCY TESTS

The first proficiency test was given in Norwegian to eight candidates on Thursday, 6 February 1958. Of the eight who took the written test, only six were to be tested orally. A one-word evaluation of the test was "challenging." Meanwhile, [redacted] is faced with the problem of orally testing large numbers of candidates in

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French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. Because this testing will consume a great deal of time, it will be impossible to use personnel of the Agency. It will be necessary to use non-Agency linguists for testing in these major languages. Contracts will have to be drawn up with language specialists who will agree to serve on these panels whenever they are scheduled for testing.

For the period ending 30 June, this year, there are more than 100 candidates in each of these languages. 25X1A9a [redacted] thinks that twenty to twenty-five can be tested daily; this principally in the morning.

The schedule of proficiency tests for the period ending 30 June 25X1A was published in Agency Notice [redacted] on 10 January 1958. The schedule was also announced in the OTR Bulletin for February. A 25X1A revision of [redacted] was reviewed by the Committee and, with minor changes was accepted. The members of the Committee agreed that a 25X1A [redacted] of the Regulation should be prepared. Procedures that were originally outlined in the notices and were also included in the original Regulation have been summarized in a handbook. This handbook will be submitted to members of the Committee and if it is approved, will be prepared for Agency coordination together with the revisions of 25X1A [redacted] Regulations.

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